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The North Carolina Museum of History Focuses on Family Programming This July



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June 29, 2021 (RALEIGH, N.C.) — Take a break from the heat and soak in the history at the Museum of History this July! While here, learn a few dance steps, enjoy some midcentury photography, and explore the trenches of an immersive military exhibit. On your way out, be sure to pick up a Take-It, Make-It kit, perfect for young families, and a special treat or souvenir from the [Museum Shop](#). The museum is open to the public with [special protocols in compliance with Executive Order 215](#). Admission is free!

Top Three Things to Do This Month

- Perfect for young children, join us every Wednesday afternoon for a [short virtual story time](#)!
- Enjoy the cool AC inside the museum this summer and explore the latest exhibits celebrating [music](#), [tourism](#), [women's suffrage](#), [vintage toys](#), and our [veterans](#).
- If visiting the museum with children, take history home with [interactive craft kits](#).

Read on for a current listing of July events, and follow us on social media for updates and additional programming. You can also stay up to date on all events and exhibits at the museum

website: ncmuseumofhistory.org. Programs are **FREE** unless otherwise noted; advance registration, at ncmuseumofhistory.org/events, is generally required to receive a confirmation email with information about joining online presentations.

Did you miss a previous program? Many of the museum's programs are being archived to enjoy anytime on the museum [YouTube](#) channel.

The following events feature family and kid-friendly programming.

Summer Tar Heel Tales: *How I Became a Pirate*

Wednesday, Jul. 7, 1–1:30 p.m. via Demio

Ages 5 and up; parents are encouraged to participate with their children

Stories don't go away during summer! Join us *virtually* for a reading of *How I Became a Pirate*, written by Melinda Long and illustrated by David Shannon, and a bit of North Carolina history.

Take-It, Make-It Kit: Corn Husk Doll

Saturday, Jul. 10, 1–3 p.m., in person in the museum

Kits are designed for families with elementary-age children. While supplies last; one kit per family.

Celebrate summer with safe (and free) hands-on crafts! Visit the museum to pick up a craft bag—with supplies and instructions—and tour the *Toy Boom!* exhibit with the included self-guided gallery hunt. Then take the bag home to share the craft, extra activities, and North Carolina history tidbits with family and friends!

Summer Tar Heel Tales: *T is for Tar Heel*

Wednesday, Jul. 14, 1–1:30 p.m. via Demio

Ages 5 and up; parents are encouraged to participate with their children

Stories don't go away during summer! Join us *virtually* for a reading of *T is for Tar Heel*, written by Carol Crane and illustrated by Gary Palmer, and a bit of North Carolina history.

Saturday in the Garden

Saturday, Jul. 17, 10 a.m., in-person program

What's growing in the garden? Enjoy a FREE informal tour of the museum's *History of the Harvest* exhibit along Bicentennial Plaza. Tour group limited in size—preregistration is required.

Summer Tar Heel Tales: *The Toy Farmer*

Wednesday, Jul. 21, 1–1:30 p.m. via Demio

Ages 5 and up; parents are encouraged to participate with their children.

Stories don't go away during summer! Join us *virtually* for a reading of *The Toy Farmer*, written by Andrew T. Pelletier and pictures by Scott Nash, and a bit of North Carolina history.

Take-It, Make-It Kit: Mini Time Capsule

Saturday, Jul. 24, 1–3 p.m., in person in the museum

Kits are designed for families with elementary-age children. While supplies last; one kit per family.

Celebrate summer with safe (and free) hands-on crafts! Visit the museum to pick up a craft bag—with supplies and instructions—and tour the *History in Every Direction* gallery with the included self-guided gallery hunt. Then take the bag home to share the craft, extra activities, and North Carolina history tidbits with family and friends!

Summer Tar Heel Tales: *Amazing Grace*

Wednesday, Jul. 28, 1–1:30 p.m. via Demio

Ages 5 and up; parents are encouraged to participate with their children.

Stories don't go away during summer! Join us *virtually* for a reading of *Amazing Grace*, written by Mary Hoffman and illustrated by Caroline Binch, and a bit of North Carolina history.

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For information about the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

About the NC Museum of History

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free.** Before the COVID public closure, more than 465,000 people visited the museum annually to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at affiliations.si.edu.

About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette's Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation's first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit DNCR.nc.gov.

